

Performance Drug List

Example:

Mary Smith goes to her doctor complaining of acid reflux, she has not been treated for this condition in the past. Mary forgot to take her preferred drug list with her to her appointment so she can't discuss her preferred drug options with her prescribing Physician. Her doctor writes her a prescription for Aciphex and indicates the pharmacy should dispense as written (DAW).

When Mary takes the prescription to the pharmacy, her claim for Aciphex will reject because Mary has no prior claim history for a PPI and Aciphex is a non preferred brand name drug. Omeprazole and pantoprazole are generic PPI medications, both of which are preferred products. The pharmacist contacted the provider and obtained permission to change Mary to generic omeprazole. In most cases the pharmacist will do this for the patient.

Mary's coinsurance for the non preferred brand would have been sixty (60) percent of the brand cost. By the pharmacist and Mary working with her doctor to try the generic, her coinsurance drops to twenty (20) of a lower costing drug. Both Mary and the plan save by making this change.